

MARYLAND BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE

Occupational Therapist and Occupational Therapy Assistant License Renewal 2019

To expedite the processing of your Maryland occupational therapist (OT) or occupational therapy assistant (OTA) renewal, please use the Board's Online Renewal System and follow the instructions below. You are urged to renew a.s.a.p. The following deadlines apply:

- **May 1 through May 31** **Timely Renewal**
- **June 1 through June 30** **Grace Period**
- **June 16 through June 30** **Late Fee of \$25 applied to the Renewal Fee**

Please read through the entire instructions. Before you begin, you will need:

1. A printer (to print a copy of your application and invoice or receipt).
2. Internet access.
3. To verify that your certification status is current with NBCOT (<https://my.nbcot.org/OnlineCredentialVerification/>), if you opt to waive your Maryland CCRs.
4. If your NBCOT certification is not current, you will need to attest to your 24 contact hours of CCRs.
5. Your Visa or MasterCard credit card. These are the only credit cards accepted. Debit and/or gift cards cannot be used.
6. If your fingerprinting results have not been approved by the Board, you will not be able to renew your license and your license will expire on June 30th. Subsequently, you will be unable to work until your license is reinstated. You may email the board at mdotboard.user@maryland.gov if you are uncertain if your background check has been approved.

To renew online:

1. Go to the Board's web site at <http://health.maryland.gov/botp/>. Click "**Renew a License**" under Popular Links from the Home Page.
2. In the License Renewal section, enter your 8-digit registration code and license number. The registration code can be found on the mailing label on the renewal postcard that was mailed to you in April. Press **search**.
3. The registration page will now display your demographic information. **Contact the office if none of your demographic information appears on the page.** (You will be able to update your demographic information after you log in.) Page down to the bottom of the page and select a username (**USERNAME IS LIMITED TO 25 CHARACTERS**), password, password question and password answer. Don't forget to confirm your password. If successful, please click **Login**.
4. From the User Login Screen:
 - a. Enter your username. Again, username is restricted to 25 characters.
 - b. Tab and enter the password you selected. Click Login. (If you forget your username and password, you can click the link for forgotten passwords. You will be prompted with the password question you selected during registration. Enter the answer you chose for the password answer. If you are unsuccessful, you can press the register button again and follow steps 2 and 3 above.)

You will be locked out after 3 unsuccessful attempts to login. Please call the office at 410-402-8556 for assistance.

5. The Licensing Home Page will display. To renew a license, click on **Renew License** on the left-hand side of the page in the navigational menu. Your licensure information will be displayed on the next screen. Click **Continue** under the “Renewable License” section.
6. Next, renewal information regarding licensure fees and contact information will be shown. Page down to the end of the screen and select “**Click here to begin renewal process**”.
7. The next screen allows you the opportunity to update your demographic information. Please be sure that all required fields are populated. **Please verify your email address.** You must supply an email address in order to use the online system. The Board uses this information to communicate its informative bulletins. Don’t forget to click the “**Update**” button at the bottom of the page.
8. The renewal questions screen is next. Please answer all the questions by choosing the respective answer from the drop-down menus. Choose No whenever warranted. The questions are divided into four sections: Continuing Competency Requirement Questions, Character and Fitness Questions, Health Occupations Article and Area of Practice/Specialty. **If you answer Yes to any of the “Character and Fitness” questions, you will need to supply additional information to the Board. You can upload your explanation later in the renewal application in the “Attach Documents” section.**

Select a status of Active or Inactive. Inactive licensees who want to retain their inactive status or active licensees who wish to go inactive will select “Inactive”. All other licensees will select “Active”. Inactive licensees who wish to reactivate must contact the Board office at 410-402-8556 for reactivation instructions.

After reading and agreeing with the Attestation section, click the “**Submit**” button at the end of the screen.

9. The Survey screen is next. Please make a selection using the drop down options. Please press Submit to mark the file as completed.
10. The Attach Documents screen is next. If you answered Yes to any of the “Character and Fitness” questions earlier, you must upload an explanation. (This includes documentation for name changes if they were not previously reported to the Board.) Select “Choose File” and identify the scanned document to upload. **(Only PDF and JPG files are accepted.)** Select “Upload Document” and use the drop down to describe the type of documentation you are sending. Click Submit. If you do not have documentation to send to the Board, simply press “Submit” to mark the page as completed.
11. The Application Summary page will follow. At this time, you have an opportunity to print a copy of the completed renewal form for your records. Click on the “**Printer**” button in your browser to print a copy of your application. After you have verified your information, you can click “**Pay Fees**” button.

If the Pay Fees button is not available, please make sure each of the pages is checked off on the navigational menu on the left hand side. The system will not allow you to pay fees until the first four pages are checked off in the navigation menu. If one of the pages is not checked, please click on the page in the menu to go back and complete that page.

12. The biennial renewal rate is \$280 for occupational therapists, \$200 for occupational therapy assistants and \$50 for electively non-renewed licensees (inactive). On the payment page, enter your name in the billing address section and again in the credit card information along with your credit card number and expiration date. Be sure to update the expiration date as the system will default to 01/2018. Press the Submit button once. Multiple clicks on the Submit button may result in multiple charges to your credit card.

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14. You will receive a confirmation page that includes a transaction number. Print this confirmation page and retain for your records. The confirmation page will serve as your receipt. **Once you exit the system, you cannot print a receipt.** You will not receive a license document when you renew since the Board went green 5 years ago. You can check the Board's 24/7 online verification page (<https://mdbot.mylicense.com/verification/>) to confirm the completion of your renewal application and your updated expiration date. In addition, the Board will be sending a confirmation email once the renewal has been approved in our system. Please allow 72 hours for processing. If you do not receive an email within that timeframe, please call Lauren Murray at 410-402-8556.

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

1. You may only renew online between May 1st and June 30th. **Please note if the Board receives an online renewal application or payment by check between June 16th and June 30th, a \$25 fee in addition to the renewal fee is due. Renewals received after June 15th will not be processed until the late fee is received. See #2 for details.**
2. If the Board receives a renewal application or payment by check between June 16th and June 30th, a late fee of \$25 is due, in addition to the renewal fee. If an OT or OTA does not renew by June 30th, the license status is considered expired. A licensee practicing without an active license is subject to disciplinary action. **In addition, OTs and OTAs who have not completed the entire application process by June 30th may not renew**, but are instead required to pay a license reinstatement fee and complete the license reinstatement process.
3. **If you are unable to complete your application online for any reason**, please contact our web site at <http://health.maryland.gov/botp/Pages/forms.aspx> to download a hard copy of the license renewal form for the 2018 cycle. Your completed application must be postmarked before the June 30, 2018 deadline.
4. Please note that June 16, June 29 and June 30 occur on a weekend. The Board office and Help Desk will be closed on the weekends. Please plan accordingly.

CONTACT INFORMATION: Maryland State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice

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